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MONTREAL FOR U.S. REP. ICAO

1. THE MEXICO CITY MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN CIVIL
AVIATION AUTHORITIES RESULTED IN THE SIGNING ON SATURDAY,
DEC 15, OF A FINAL ACT CREATING A LATIN AMERICAN CIVIL
AVIATION COMMISSION, WITH THE 24 INDEPENDENT STATES OF
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP.
IN ADDITION TO MEXICO, COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT THE
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MEETING WERE ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA,

CHILE, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, JAMAICA (OBSERVER), NICARAGUA, PANAMA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, URUGUAY, AND VENEZUELA. ALL COUNTRIES SIGNED THE FINAL ACT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CHILE, WHICH REQUIRED APPROVAL BY THE CHILEAN CIVIL AVIATION BOARD, AND JAMAICA, WHICH WAS REPRESENTED ONLY BY AN OBSERVER. THE ORGANIZATION CAME INTO BEING OFFICIALLY AS OF THE DATE OF SIGNATURE AND WILL BE FINALLY CONSTITUTED ONCE FORMAL APPROVAL IS OBTAINED FROM 12 OF THE 24 ELIGIBLE STATES.

2. THE MEETING WAS INAUGURATED BY MEXICAN SECRETARY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT MENDEZ DOCURRO, WHO EMPHASIZED THAT REGIONAL CIVIL AVIATION COMMISSIONS EXIST IN OTHER REGIONS OF THE WORLD AND SHOULD EXIST IN LATIN AMERICA AS WELL, WHERE CONDITIONS ARE PARTICULARLY FAVORABLE FOR COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF ICAO, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, CITED THE VITALITY AND RAPID EXPANSION OF CIVIL AVIATION IN LATIN AMERICA AND OFFERED THE ASSISTANCE OF HIS ORGANIZATION.

3. THE MEXICO CITY REGIONAL OFFICE OF ICAO HAS PROMISED TO SUPPLY THE EMBASSY WITH TEXTS OF THE PRINCIPAL SPEECHES MADE AT THE MEETING AS WELL AS THE FINAL ACT AND APPROVED CONSTITUTION. THE CONSTITUTION IS REPORTEDLY A GENERAL DOCUMENT ALONG THE LINES OF THE ICAO DRAFT ALREADY POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT, WITH ONE CHANGE MAKING IT CLEAR THAT THE NEW COMMISSION IS TO INCLUDE ONLY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND THAT THE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES ARE TO BE CONSIDERED AS LATIN AMERICAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

4. COMMENTING ON THE PROCEEDINGS, ICAO REGIONAL DIRECTOR STEWART TOLD EMBASSY TCO THAT THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE OBSERVER STATUS FOR NON-MEMBERS DID NOT COME UP BUT THAT THIS MATTER WILL BE TREATED WHEN THE COMMISSION MEETS TO DRAFT ITS DETAILED REGULATIONS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ARGENTINA, HE SAID, THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED VIEW THE NEW ORGANIZATION AS A MEANS OF EXTENDING AND EXPANDING NORMAL ICAO WORK. ARGENTINA, WHICH, ACCORDING TO STEWART, HAS A LONG-RANGE AVIATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN DRAFTED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF FRENCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TECHNICIANS, INDICATED THAT THE NEW ORGANIZATION SHOULD ACT AS A VEHICLE FOR DEVELOPING A SIMILAR INTEGRATED PLAN FOR THE REGION. THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION ALSO APPEARED TO VIEW THE NEW ORGANIZATION AS A VEHICLE FOR REVISING BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS. STEWART COMMENTED THAT IN ICAO EXPERIENCE EFFORTS ALONG THESE LINES HAVE NEVER BEEN SUCCESSFUL.
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